

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to provide a proper antecedent basis for "said fixing condition changing device". Accordingly, claim 10 has been revised herein to change its dependency from claim 3 to claim 7. Claim 7 provides a proper antecedent basis for the subject limitation in claim 10. Accordingly, this rejection has been overcome.

Claims 1-9 and 11 have been allowed. Claim 10 is allowable in view of the amendment thereto made herein.

Based on all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action to this effect and early passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, suggestions or objections, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in order to facilitate reaching a resolution of any outstanding issues.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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